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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to oppose any regulatory change that would give less access to independent, competitive ISP providers. I live in a rural area where choices are limited, and finally broke free of AT&T a year or so ago. Their price increases were constant and unimpeded, their broadband service was not entirely reliable, and their customer support was just as bad as the legends; I could never get an answer or help without hours spent chasing my tail around their system, and often ended up with no help at the end of the process.

My husband and I are both retired and the savings of more than \$60 per month on our bundled home phone and internet service makes a difference, on top of which AT&T was proposing another rate hike for us at the time we switched.

We can't afford the price hikes or loss of access that would happen if AT&T and the other big providers were able to do what they wish with no competition, or if the change were to force our local provider to pass along rate increases.

Please, allow us to keep our local providers and the good service and rates they give us. We need them.

Thank you,

Susan Alvaro